

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2025 - This weekend, on the feast of Christ the King, we celebrate the 40th World Youth Day (WYD), Pope Leo XIV's message, themed "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (John 15:27), calls young people to deepen their friendship with Jesus as their King and become active artisans of peace in the world.

COLLECTING YAM FOR HATS & MITTS - Do you have leftover yarn or wool at home? Parishioner Jackie Innis is collecting small bits and extra balls of yarn for a wonderful friend who knits hats and mittens for our local schools and for St. Vincent de Paul. If you would like to help keep someone warm this winter, please leave any yarn donations at the back of the church. Jackie will make sure they are put to good use. Thank you for your generosity!

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is collecting items for their North Pole Gift Shop. Items such as toys, puzzles, books, picture frames, and mugs or any items you would put out in a yard sale would be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off at the school between 8:30 and 4:15 until December 12. On Wednesday, December 17, the gift shop opens for students to purchase Christmas gifts for their family. All items are sold for \$1.00. This is the student's favourite day of the year so while you are getting out those Christmas decorations, take a look around for items that might make a parent smile when presented Christmas morning!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (Christmas Hamper Program — Thank You & Continued Support Needed) St. Vincent de Paul thanks our parishioners and St. Mary's School for your continued support of our Christmas Hamper Program. We also gratefully acknowledge donations from Colborne Thrift Store (socks) and Colborne Family Dental. As we prepare the hampers, we are still in need of additional donations to support families in our community. Any contribution—big or small—makes a difference. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

ST. MARY'S CWL - The CWL Project "HELPING OTHERS" is continuing throughout the month of NOVEMBER. Please donate PERSONAL CARE items for those of all ages: babies, children, teenagers, adults and seniors. Check the list on the bulletin board for ideas. Please mark Dec.06/25 on your calendar. This is the date of the Grafton Christmas Market held at the Arena and the churches in Grafton. St. Mary School will host the Market from noon to 5:00 pm on that date. The CWL will operate the Canteen which features its Marvellous Homemade Chili. There will be many vendors selling their wares. Check the bulletin board for more details. Members: Membership fees are due by Nov. 30/25. Please follow instructions in the Membership envelope to pay your fees. The next CWL meeting is Dec 01/25 @ 9:30 am at the rectory.

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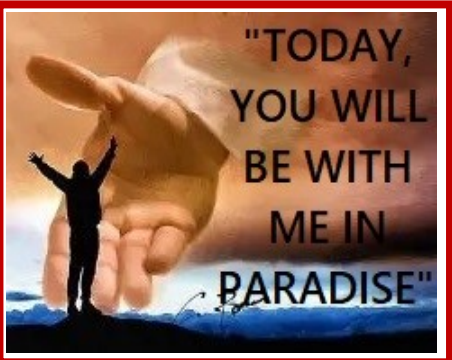
November 22-23, 2025



**WEEKEND
MASSES**

**SATURDAY
4PM
SUNDAY
10AM**

CHURCH OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM



Parish Committees & Organizations

Parish Pastoral Council, *Michael Mullin*
(Chairperson)- 416 300 8680
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St Vincent de Paul, *Wes Krentz*-905 377 3263
Cemetery Board, *Francis Calnan* 905 269 0795

KC and Ushers, *Darrell Manley*-905 744 0865
Counters, *Wes Krentz*-905 396 2578
Development and Peace/Library, *Suzanne Liptay*-905 372 3031
St Mary's Choir, *Alfons Casteels*-905 269 2352
Parish Handyman, *Ed Nemec*-905 349 2923
Religious Articles, *Kathy Ancker*- 905-344-0048
St. Mary's Elementary School, Grafton, *Nancy Jones (Principal)*-905 349 2061
St Mary's Secondary School, Cobourg, *Jill Barker- Principal*)-Tel. 905 372 4339

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Baptisms, Marriages, & Anointing of the Sick may be arranged by calling the Office.
Confessions: Saturday at 8:30 am & 3:30 pm, or anytime on request.
First Friday of the month - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ 9am.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intentions for today: Nov 22 for All Souls, Nov 23 for the people of the parish

Nov 24, Mon - NO MASS

Nov 25, Tues 9am

Nov 26, Wed 9am

Nov 27, Thurs 9am

Nov 28, Fri 9am +For All Souls

Nov 29, Sat 9am +All Souls by Ian Manley

Nov 29, Sat 4pm (1st Advent Sunday) Intention of Jean Clemer by Tony & Joan Farwell

Nov 30, Sun 10am (1st Advent Sunday) People of the parish

Nov 29-30 WEEKEND MASSES

	4pm	10 am
LECTORS:	Greg Blick	Joanna Mecozzi
EMHC:	Paula Blick	Michael Stephenson
USHERS:	Darrell & Nick Manley	Ian Manley & Ed Nemec



Collections Weekend of Nov 15-16, 2025

Sunday Offering - \$1, 225

ADVENT ACTIVITIES, CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASSES

PARISH CHRISTMAS BRUNCH (Dec 7, Sunday right after 10am Mass)

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE- CONFESSION (Dec 20, Saturday 9am)

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DAY (Dec 21, Sunday 11am)

CHRISTMAS EVE (Dec 24, Wednesday 4pm)

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT (Dec 24, Wednesday 8pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY (Dec 25, Thursday 10am)

NEW YEAR EVE (Dec 31, Wednesday 4PM)

NEW YEAR DAY (Jan 1, 2026, Thursday 10am)



PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Terry Korotki, Dalton McDonald

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas primas ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives: He must reign in our minds, in our wills, in our hearts, and cleave to him alone. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus Christ is the sovereign ruler of the universe, recognizing His authority over all creation and inviting believers to acknowledge his reign in their lives.



ST. MARY'S PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH (Sunday, December 7th – Following the 10:00 AM Mass)

As we continue to celebrate our parish's 150th Anniversary, the Parish Council warmly invites all parishioners to our annual Christmas Brunch! Join us after the 10:00 AM Mass in the school hall for delicious food, fellowship, and the joy of the Christmas season. Even if you attend the Saturday 4:00 PM Mass, please come back and join us at 11:00 AM — everyone is welcome! A meal will be provided by the Parish Council. We kindly ask parishioners to help complete the meal by bringing a favourite dessert or snack to share. Council members will be outside the school before Mass to receive any items you wish to contribute. Let us gather as one parish family to celebrate the joy of Christmas and the blessings of 150 years at St. Mary's!



ST. MARY'S CEMETERY- Our parish cemetery is a sacred place—where generations of loved ones rest, where we pause to pray, remember, and give thanks. It is part of our history and a reminder of the promise of eternal life. As a parish family, we want to keep these grounds beautiful, peaceful, and well-maintained. The reality is that ongoing upkeep—groundskeeping, repairs, and future planning—relies on the support of our community. We are inviting parishioners, families, and friends to consider making a donation toward the care and maintenance of our cemetery. Your generosity helps ensure that this resting place remains a place of dignity and prayer for all who visit. If you feel called to contribute, donations can be made placed in an envelope (available at the entrance) clearly marked "Cemetery Fund". Donors are entitled for tax receipts.

